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Mr. Prime Minister, Mrs. Holt, Your Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of China, I wish to extend to Prime Minister and Mrs. Holt a warm and sincere welcome.

Prime Minister Holt is not only an outstanding political leader in his own country, he has also won wide acclaim as a world statesman. Since his assumption of office as Prime Minister he has contributed in a significant way to the maintenance of world peace and justice and to the economic and other developments in his own country. On several previous occasions I have had the pleasure of meeting Prime Minister Holt at International Conferences while he was serving as Treasurer for his government. It is, therefore, a great pleasure to renew his acquaintance here in Taipei.

Mrs. Holt, as we all know, is an accomplished lady in her own right. Her dedication to the welfare of her country and the valuable assistance she has rendered the Prime Minister is truly worthy of admiration. We are very pleased to have her visit us and I wish to extend her a special welcome.

Since the end of World War II, Australia has been taking an increasingly active part in international affairs. She is an active participant in programs of economic and technical co-operation with the Asian countries. A member of the South-East Asia Treaty Organization, she is also an active member of the Asian and Pacific Council. Today, Australia is actively helping the Republic of Vietnam in resisting communist aggression. All these activities are eloquent testimonials to the wisdom and far-sightedness of the Australian Government and its political leaders.

The Republic of China and the Commonwealth of Australia have long enjoyed friendly relations and close co-operation in international affairs. Our two peoples are similarly dedicated to the noble ideals of freedom, justice and peace. With the re-opening of the Australian Embassy in the Republic of China, I am certain that the friendly relations between our two countries will be further strengthened.

I appreciate very much the fact that, despite their heavy schedule, Prime Minister and Mrs. Holt have come to visit us. I am particularly pleased to have the opportunity to have an exchange of views with Prime Minister Holt on the world situation and on matters of common interest to our two countries. His visit, I am sure, will be a new milestone in the history of Sino-Australian relations.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I now request that you join me in a toast to Her Majesty the Queen.

Ladies and Gentlemen, may I ask you again to join me in a toast to Prime Minister and Mrs. Holt and the prosperity of the Commonwealth of Australia.

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